



**Mayor Domenic J. Sarno's  
City of Springfield  
COVID-19 Situational Update**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, in the best interests of our residents and business community, continues his daily morning meetings with his cabinet heads as they work 24/7 to facilitate and coordinate with all of our local, state, federal, and public and private partners in response to the COVID-19 situation.

Below are the most recent updates as reported from each City Departments.

**Mayor's Office**

- Continues to coordinate the city's efforts with all stakeholders (state, federal, hospital and medical facilities, public and private partners, etc.) in response of services and relief and recovery measures.
- Continuing our own efforts to secure more N95 and KN95 masks and PPE's for our SPD, SFD, city staff, Baystate and Mercy Hospitals.
- Facilitated added donation from Smith & Wesson of more safety glasses and face shields for our city work force and Baystate and Mercy Hospitals.

**Health**

- Announced 27 new cases of Springfield residents testing positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).
- Total positive cases now at 130.
- Announced the continued need and importance of adhering to all public health, personal hygiene and social distancing procedures.
- Homeless tenting full facilities and operations plan moving forward quickly for anticipated open TBA shortly.

**Elder Affairs**

- Deliver 71 meals to seniors in need.

**City Council**

- Mayor along with his cabinet heads greeted, informed and thanked the city council on their efforts and upcoming agenda item needs for their city council regular meeting via zoom video conference aspects.
- Has scheduled a virtual meeting for April 6, 2020.

## **DPW**

- Trash and recycling continue to be picked up.
- Streets and Engineering continue to provide services
- Yard waste scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

## **Eco Dev**

- Continues to review and secure additional funding for restaurant and small business assistance grants.
- First round for the restaurant “Prime the Pump” grant program in final phase of review. Announcement to be made soon.
- Second round of restaurant and small business assistance grants being formalized and program guidelines being drafted. Announcement TBD.
- Continues to review and identify Federal stimulus funding to focus on local efforts for relief and recovery for our residents and small businesses.

## **Police**

- Down 34 officers
- Initiating plans to utilize police recruits through accelerated courses to have them ready to be deployed by April 14, 2020.

## **Schools**

- 2,833 meals served and 78,823 meals have been served overall.
- Dinner to be include to the Schools Meal Program starting Monday, April 6, 2020
- 17 sites across the city for the Schools Meal Program. The full list of Springfield school meal sites now include: Bowles, Boland, Brookings, Chestnut Middle School, Commerce, Dorman, Glickman, Indian Orchard, Kensington, Liberty, Lincoln, Milton Bradley, Rebecca Johnson, Sumner, Talmadge, Warner and Washington schools.
  - Meals are distributed between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.
  - Parents, guardians, and grandparents may pick up meals for school age children in their care at any of the 17 sites across the city. The student does not need to be physically present for the adult to pick up a meal. The adult will be asked at the point of pickup if the meals are for school age students. Identification is not required. Meals are available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled.
- Continuing with plans to distribute laptops to students. Student will be able to pick them up at identified site locations or will be delivered and dropped off to their homes.

## **School Committee**

- Will begin to conduct their April meetings virtually.
  - The Budget and Finance Subcommittee Meeting will take place Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and the meeting of the full School Committee will take place on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Both meetings will air live on Focus Springfield Channel 17. The meetings will also be livestream at <http://focusspringfield.com/watch/government> and on the Springfield Public Schools website at [www.springfieldpublicschools.com](http://www.springfieldpublicschools.com). Re-runs of the meeting will be available on demand on both websites and as regularly scheduled programming on Focus Springfield Channel 17.